



SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

October 17, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Brantford City Hall, 58 Dalhousie Street

Present:

- Mayor Davis
- Councillor Sicoli
- Councillor Sullivan
- Councillor Caputo
- Councillor Sless
- Councillor Martin
- Councillor McCreary
- Councillor Hunt
- Councillor Carpenter
- Councillor Samwell
- Councillor Van Tilborg

1. INVOCATION

Chair Sicoli called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and read the invocation.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll Call was confirmed.

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No declarations of pecuniary interest were made regarding items appearing on tonight's City Council agenda.

4. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS [list, if any, available at meeting]

4.1 Public Open House

Dan Pilas, General Manager of SC Johnson Canada, provided a historical overview of the company and discussed potential challenges related to the rezoning of adjacent lands.

Lindsey Fries, Manager of the SC Johnson Brantford Plant, expressed her support for SC Johnson and shared a personal story about one of the company's employees.

Shawn McCleod, a resident at 21 Carmichael Crescent and a former SC Johnson employee, voiced his support for the company. He mentioned the company's investments in the community and spoke about a petition with 2,800 signatures, urging that the lands at 58 Morrell Street remain industrial.

Ethan Brooks, a resident at 6 Cecil Avenue and an SC Johnson employee, spoke in favour of SC Johnson. He emphasized the support the company provides to its employees and highlighted the potential risk of the company leaving the city due to a land dispute.

Lary Mellors, a resident at 23 Albert Avenue, expressed his support for SC Johnson and highlighted the company's contributions to conservation programs in the City of Brantford and the surrounding areas.

Dan Rankin, Executive Director of Brant United Way, conveyed his support for SC Johnson, outlining the company's investments in the community and the causes it supports. He noted that \$20 out of every \$100 of Brant United Way funding is provided by SC Johnson.

Nancy Bevan, a resident at 451 Golf Road, discussed various investments and donations made by SC Johnson in the community. She also addressed the potential impact of job losses if the company were to leave and provided insights into the company's production process improvements.

Jeanne Smitiuch, Senior Director for the Dollywood Foundation of Canada, spoke about education and literacy programs funded by SC Johnson.

Becca McLellan, Executive Director of Kids Can Fly, described SC Johnson's support for the Brantford Food Bank and commended the company as a good employer.

Tom Raby, a resident at 12 Hackney Ridge, highlighted the benefits that SC Johnson provides to retirees and requested that the company remain in the City of Brantford.

Karl Broderick, President of Hartmann Canada, expressed concerns about the potential negative economic and employment impacts that would result if SC Johnson left the city. He also raised concerns about the economic impacts on nearby industrial plants if SC Johnson were to leave its current site.

Tracy Heys, a resident of 35 Sherry Lane, expressed his support for SC Johnson and shared a personal anecdote about his time at the company and his positive interactions with the company's executives.

Samantha Rossi, a resident at 91 Alexander Drive and an employee at SC Johnson, voiced her support for the company and described the available programs for employees. She also raised concerns about the uncertainty experienced by employees regarding the company's potential departure from the city.

Sajid Kamadia, a resident at 269 Amberly Boulevard in Ancaster and an SC Johnson employee, outlined the investments and donations made by SC Johnson in Brantford and discussed the negative impacts the city would face if the company were to leave.

Russ Brooks, a resident at 63 Tutela Heights Road, invited those in attendance to consider the benefits and costs associated with the company's potential departure.

Garry Burn, a resident at 55 Golfdale Road, expressed his support for SC Johnson.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 Summary of Information Related to SC Johnson [Financial Impact: Unknown], 2023-581

Moved by Councillor Caputo

Seconded by Councillor Sless

- A. THAT Report 2023-581 entitled, "Summary of Information Related to SC Johnson," BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to retain an external lawyer and external planner to represent the City at the Ontario Land Tribunal appeal of the property owner of 58 Morrell Street, and THAT the fees for external services BE FUNDED from the Corporate Contingency Reserve (RF0554); and

C. THAT staff BE DIRECTED to include a copy of Report 2023-581 and the additional communications referenced in this report to the Ontario Land Tribunal as part of the City's filings.

Amendment

Moved by Mayor Davis

Seconded by Councillor Caputo

D. THAT City Council respectfully requests that the Honorable P. Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, appoint a facilitator to mediate discussions between all parties involved in the appeal of the property located at 58 Morrell Street.

Recorded Vote on Amendment to Item 5.1:

YES: (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor Van Tilborg

CARRIED (11 to 0)

Recorded Vote on Item 5.1 as amended:

YES: (11): Mayor Davis, Councillor Sicoli, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Caputo, Councillor Sless, Councillor Martin, Councillor McCreary, Councillor Hunt, Councillor Carpenter, Councillor Samwell, and Councillor Van Tilborg

CARRIED (11 to 0)

6. RESOLUTIONS

There were no Resolutions.

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no Notices of Motion.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

, Chair

(Staff Name), (Staff Title)